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that you wish to withdraw that particular amendment and offer the next amendment, which would be AM0835, Senator. (See page 1049 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment from myself and Senator Don Pederson. It has two parts and I'll let Don explain the one part. The part that I spent most of the time on...my time on was simply doing...following through with the concept of LB 416 and that concept was to increase certain qualifying amounts and certain dollar amounts that appeared throughout the commission statutes to comport to inflation over a large number of years. We simply haven't gone back and adjusted for inflation. And what I did, the late fees had not been adjusted for inflation so I just went back and followed through with a concept and adjusted those for inflation also, and I think Senator Janssen and the Accountability Commission are fine with that. And Senator Pederson's identifying a problem that...has identified a problem I think you all will be interested in, so I'll let him...I would give the rest of my time to Senator Pederson to explain the second corrective action.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Pederson, you have a little over eight minutes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. It shouldn't take that long. I think all of us who stood for general election this last term had the same problem and I'm going to identify it for you and I think this should not only be for our benefit but also for our treasurers for our campaign committees. The election was held November of last year. The current statute requires that on a general election you must file your campaign statement to the end of year, December 31, and it had to be filed, since it was November 4, it had to be filed within 60 days, which was January 4th. Well, December 31st ended up on a Thursday and then we had New Year's Day and then we had Sunday. The first time you could do anything was on January 4th. And I know my treasurer was really thrilled